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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Claims 12-19 have been cancelled. Claim 3 was amended to address a minor typographical error. All pending claims have been rejected. Claims 1-11 were provisionally rejected as being unpatentable over claims of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/623,486 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting. This rejection has been overcome for the reasons set forth below.


Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1-11

The provisional rejection of claims 1-11 on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting with respect to claims from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/623,486 has been obviated by submission of a Terminal Disclaimer herewith. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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